

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

The number of channels that one media conglomerate has does not equate with diversity and a broad spectrum of opinion. For example, on the basic digital cable package that ATT Broadband offers has numerous shopping and religious channels and several Fox affiliates but there is no channels devoted to vigorous discussion of topics that will have a direct impact upon the lives of citizens with a representative spectrum of view points. The forgotten duty is that of having a fully informed citizenry by the press corp not being unduly influenced by corporate media control.